



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer
Director of Children and Family Services

At its meeting held June 13, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is charged with the important mission and responsibility of protecting the well-being of children who may otherwise be exposed to grave danger. In order to accomplish this sensitive work, it is imperative that we provide our social workers with as much support and resources as possible.

“Understanding the importance of protecting our children, Assembly Member Karen Bass and the State Legislature have identified funding that will significantly reduce the current caseload for our social workers at DCFS and provide additional transitional housing for emancipated youth. If such funding is ultimately allocated, it will enable us to further enhance the quality of care, time and attention that each social worker can devote toward protecting our children. Additionally, this crucial funding can be directed to providing emancipated youth with appropriate training and resources as they strive toward an independent and productive adult life.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to support the State Legislature's proposed budget increase that would improve the Department of Children and Family Services' casework staffing levels, provide support for kin and permanent placement, and help foster youth achieve success through housing and education assistance programs; and

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2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nuñez, and the Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata urging their support for the proposed budget increase.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

Letters sent to:

- Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Speaker of the Assembly Fabian Nuñez
- Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata